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Peaceful settlement of disputes

Draft recommendation on the thirtieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes proposed by the Philippines

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization recommends the following draft resolution for the consideration of the General Assembly:

Thirtieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that 15 November 2012 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes adopted without a vote by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/10 of 15 November 1982,

Acknowledging that the Manila Declaration was elaborated on the initiative of Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone and Tunisia and on the basis of a text prepared by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

Recalling that the Manila Declaration was the first instrument adopted by the General Assembly as a result of the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

Recalling also that the Manila Declaration was the first normative text which developed a comprehensive plan and consolidation of a legal framework for peaceful settlement of international disputes, building upon and promoting

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general international law, the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 33, and other instruments,

Affirming that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations, in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 66/101 of 9 December 2011, will continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations,

1. *Recognizes* the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes as a concrete accomplishment of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and welcomes the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration;

2. *Reaffirms* the obligation of States to settle their disputes by peaceful means in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations as stated in the Manila Declaration and other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

3. *Encourages* all Member States to observe this milestone in the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Organization through appropriate activities.